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Date. December 5, 1940.

Subject. A.A. Nogaitseff.

Made by. D.S.I. Prokofiev.

Forwarded by. S.I. Crawford.

Andrey Andreyevich NOGAIITSEFF, Russian, born on 13-10-1902 at St. Petersburg, Russia. He is reported to have arrived in Shanghai from Vladivostok in October, 1922 aboard the s.s. "Hsipingan" and to have since been residing in this city. He had no regular employment here, but is known to have worked for various periods with certain local Russian and English newspapers as a reporter.

In 1934-1936 he was the editor of "ARGUS", a bilingual magazine. This magazine was subsidized by certain parties for the purpose of counter-acting the noisy campaign which was at that time conducted against various local institutions in the "Shanghai Spectator" by the notorious W.A. Beaumont-Izrailevich. Following Beaumont's hurried departure from Shanghai in 1936 the subsidy was withdrawn. Nogaitseff tried to carry on his "independent social and political publication", but without success, and the magazine went out of existence during the same year.

In 1937-1938 he was employed as a foreman with the Asiatic Petroleum Company during the period when Russian labour was required by the company.

From June, 1938 to August, 1939 he was connected with the "Evening Echo". It appears that, as a result of some dissension over financial matters, Nogaitseff decided to start his own newspaper of the same type under the name "Shanghai Echo". A certain A.W. Summers, British, who is at Hongkong at present, was to be Chief Editor, while Nogaitseff was supposed to look after the financial side of the

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Since January, 1940 he has been the owner of "The China Law Journal", an English language monthly magazine dealing exclusively with legal matters and important law cases. The journal was actually started in 1930 by Mr. Benson-Currie, deceased, and Mr. H. Silva, the present publisher, and later sold to Mr. A. C. Davies, well known local journalist who, on December 15, 1939, sold all rights and interests in the journal to Nogaitseff.

On 7-2-40 Registration Certificate was issued to Nogaitseff in respect of "The Chinese Exporter", an English monthly intended to serve as a guide for foreign traders interested in Chinese export. However, this publication failed to appear and the Registration Certificate was returned for cancellation later during the year.

Some time towards the end of 1939 Nogaitseff took over from a Japanese a small office at 119 Jinkee Road (Room 35) and established there his enterprise known as the "Shanghai Business Service", Brokers, Investigators, General & Commission Agents. At this address was also located the editorial office of "The China Law Journal"

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"Husimi Maru" on a business trip and returned to Shanghai on 21-3-40 in the s.s. "Kweiyang". While in Hongkong his address was c/o Mr. A.J. Summers, P.O. Box 1601.

In April, 1940 Nogaitseff removed the offices of "The China Law Journal" and "Shanghai Business Service" to No. 2 Fexing Road where he occupies a portion of Suite 306 (Lloyd's Publishing Co., China).

Apart from his journalistic activities, Nogaitseff has been casually working during the past several years in the capacity of a private detective in connection with various matters of a private (divorce cases, commercial and personal enquiries etc.) and political character. It should be pointed out that he was for many years on friendly terms with V.M. Kerdrolivansky, Russian, formerly a member of the S.M. Police who later was employed with the Japanese Consular Police in Shanghai as an informer on Russian affairs until January 14, 1938 when he suddenly left for Hongkong. It is reported that Kerdrolivansky was also employed by the American Consulate-General to watch the activities and movements of drug traffickers in Shanghai. It is very likely that in these activities he was occasionally assisted by Nogaitseff. Certain remarks passed by Nogaitseff during the course of several interviews with him in connection with the registration of his publications may be interpreted in the sense that he is still in touch with an official attached to the American Consulate-General in Shanghai as well as with certain members of the Japanese Gendar-

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N.V. Snopoff, Medrolivansky's close friend and associate, who formerly was employed with the Japanese Consular Police and later was connected with the French Police and Auditorium, is another of Nogaitseff's old connections. Snopoff appears in "The China Law Journal" under the name N. Tsvetkovich as Business Manager. He has been absent from Shanghai since August last, during which period he is reported to have spent some time in Japan.

V.P. Kremlev, advertising manager of "The China Law Journal", who is reported to have also been connected with the "North China Daily News" as a canvassing agent, came to the notice of this office recently in connection with a report that he was gathering information regarding the various local radio-broadcasting stations. It is suspected that he might have been doing it on behalf of the Japanese authorities.

In connection with his activities as a private detective Nogaitseff, apart from employing casually a few Russian and Chinese agents, knows a number of Russians who are working as informers for various local "intelligence services", but there is no evidence that he himself maintains a regular contact with any of such services. It may be mentioned in this connection that in certain pro-Japanese circles he and Medrolivansky are regarded as either British or American informers.

In 1935 Nogaitseff attempted to organize a group of Russians for the purpose of offering their services to

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the Emperor of Abyssinia. In this connection he was warned by the Municipal Police to refrain, under pain of prosecution, from acts likely to lead to an offence against law or a breach of the peace in the Settlement.

In May, 1939 he came to the notice of this office in connection with his alleged attempt to bribe a member of staff of the "North China Daily News" with a view to obtaining information on behalf of a certain party regarding the authorship of a letter to editor on the subject of activities of the "Gestapo".

Otherwise there is nothing in the Municipal Police records detrimental to his character.

His last known address is 125/1 Route de Grouchy.

A. P. Kojew
D.S.I.



(Special Branch).

December 2nd, 1940.

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Dear Mr. Robertson,

I should be grateful for all available information on the Shanghai Business Service, Suite 300, 2 Peking Road, and, in particular, information regarding the activities and associates of "Captain" An. A. Bogdanov, and, in, Director thereof.

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Deputy Commissioner T. Robertson,
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
File No. **S. B. D. 2897(c)**
Date **14-3-40**
March 14, 1940.

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Supt. J. Mason.

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His last known address in Shanghai is 125/1 Route de Grouchy.

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There is nothing in the Municipal Police records to indicate that he was at any time connected with drug trafficking or with any other criminal activities.

G. Th. K. fiev
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D. C. (Special Branch).

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March 5th, 1940.

I should be grateful for a report on Captain A. NOGAYTSEW and the Shanghai Business Service, Room 35, 119 Jinkee Road. I understand that there are indications in this office of connection with the drug traffic and I further understand that Nogaytsew's reputation locally is an indifferent one. I should be most grateful if this matter could be regarded as urgent.

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Early please.

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